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AS PRIME MINISTER NORODOM KANTOL NOT AVAILABLE UNTIL MONDAY, I SAW FOREIGN OFFICE

INDICATING I WAS ACTING UNDER INSTRUCTIONS MY GOVERNMENT, MADE POINTS OUTLINED EMBTEL 367.

PRESS STORY REPORTED EMBTEL 367 REPRESENTED OFFICIAL ANNOUNCEMENT, DECISION TAKEN SOME TIME AGO AND ANNOUNCEMENT HAD ORIGINALLY BEEN SCHEDULED BE MADE OCT. 20 BUT HELD UP UNTIL YESTERDAY.

REFERRING LOCAL PRESS CRITICISM US POSITION AND EARLIER OFFICIAL STATEMENT IN UN RE CUBA (I DID NOT BY NAME), I SAID THIS NEW ACTION WOULD GIVE IMPRESSION CAMBODIA NOT TAKING NEUTRAL POSITION AND US PUBLIC AND PRESS REACTION WOULD BE VERY UNFAVORABLE, PARTICULARLY AS THESE ACTIONS WERE COMING AT PERIOD OF GRAVE WORLD CRISIS WITH US DEEPLY INVOLVED. ASKED WHETHER RKG COULD NOT NOW ISSUE FURTHER ANNOUNCEMENT STATING

IN VIEW PRESENT CRITICAL SITUATION, [ ] SAID HE COULD NOT GIVE ANSWER AS THIS WOULD DEPEND ON GOVERNMENT DECISION AND PERHAPS AGREEMENT WITH CUBAN GOVERNMENT, BUT PROMISED GOVERNMENT WOULD CONSIDER THIS SUGGESTION.

BECAUSE IT HAD BEEN TECHNICALLY IMPOSSIBLE COMPLETE DETAILS OF AGREEMENT BY OCT. 20, DATE ORIGINALLY SCHEDULED FOR ANNOUNCEMENT. SOURCE NOTED AGREEMENT NEGOTIATED AT MOSCOW. SOVIET GOVERNMENT PLAYED

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IF CUBAN GOVT  
SENT ONE IN NEAR FUTURE, BUT INDICATED THIS WOULD BE STUDIED  
ALONG WITH MY SUGGESTION MENTIONED ABOVE.

IN REPLY MY COMMENT ON LOCAL CRITICAL PRESS COMMENT, WHEN I ASKED  
WHETHER OFFICIAL POSITION DECIDED AND REMINDED HIM OF THE  
PRESIDENT'S HOPE RKG WOULD SUPPORT US PROGRAM IN UN, AND NO  
DECISION YET REACHED.

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